Extradition of Bhopal Gas Tragedy Accused

1237. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that warrants had been pending against Mr. Warren Anderson, Chairman of the Union Carbide Corporation in connection with the Bhopal Gas Tragedy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have ever taken any measure to get Mr. Warren Anderson extradited to India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A non-bailable warrant of arrest dated 10.04.92 was issued by Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bhopal instructing Central Bureau of Investigation, New Delhi to arrest Mr. Warren Anderson and Produce him before the Court.

(c) to (e) The various aspects of the matter concerning the extradition of the former chairman of Union Carbide Corporation is at an advanced stage of consideration by the Government.

Kailash-Mansarovar Yatra through Ladakh route

1238. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approached the Government of China for allowing pilgrims to Kailash-Mansarovar from Ladakh route instead of route through Uttaranchal;

(b) whether the Government of Jammu and Kashmir have also requested Government for getting the Ladakh route opened; and

(c) what is Chinese Government's response in this regard?